

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6138

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OBSTRUCTING A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

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Passed by the Senate March 8, 1994
YEAS 45 NAYS 0

JOEL PRITCHARD

President of the Senate

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YEAS 98 NAYS 0

BRIAN EBERSOLE

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved March 30, 1994

MIKE LOWRY

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6138** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MARTY BROWN

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators A. Smith and Nelson)

Read first time 01/27/94.

1 AN ACT Relating to obstructing a law enforcement officer; amending
2 RCW 9A.76.020; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9A.76.020 and 1975 1st ex.s. c 260 s 9A.76.020 are
5 each amended to read as follows:

6 (~~Every person who, (1) without lawful excuse shall refuse or~~
7 ~~knowingly fail to make or furnish any statement, report, or information~~
8 ~~lawfully required of him by a public servant, or (2) in any such~~
9 ~~statement or report shall make any knowingly untrue statement to a~~
10 ~~public servant, or (3) shall knowingly hinder, delay, or obstruct any~~
11 ~~public servant in the discharge of his official powers or duties; shall~~
12 ~~be guilty of a misdemeanor.))~~

13 (1) A person is guilty of obstructing a law enforcement officer if
14 the person:

15 (a) Willfully makes a false or misleading statement to a law
16 enforcement officer who has detained the person during the course of a
17 lawful investigation or lawful arrest; or

18 (b) Willfully hinders, delays, or obstructs any law enforcement
19 officer in the discharge of his or her official powers or duties.

1 (2) "Law enforcement officer" means any general authority, limited
2 authority, or specially commissioned Washington peace officer or
3 federal peace officer as those terms are defined in RCW 10.93.020, and
4 other public officers who are responsible for enforcement of fire,
5 building, zoning, and life and safety codes.

6 (3) Obstructing a law enforcement officer is a gross misdemeanor.

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